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here again with some more exciting stories, games, a gift, a competition, and lots more!

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Starting with the stories, *Mistaken Identity* features **Bizarro**. Bizarro was created by Lex Luthor to obey his commands and take Superman's place in Metropolis—but his plans went dreadfully wrong. The would-be look-alike actually thinks he is **Superman** and this leads to a lot of confusion at the *Daily Planet* newspaper offices!

Two-Face is up to no good again and there's a monstrous disaster waiting to happen in *Fast Train to Gotham*—unless **Batman** can stop it. The twisted criminal hijacks a brand new train and threatens to blow it up, along with a good chunk of Gotham City, unless his ransom demands are met.

In this month's **COMPETITION** there's a chance to support the Hoops for Health national basketball-a-thon and WIN a **BATMOBILE** toy sponsored by Hasbro.

Of course, no issue would be complete without the Batman and Superman colouring and workbook, with great drawing pages and fun puzzles to test your skills!

See you next month.



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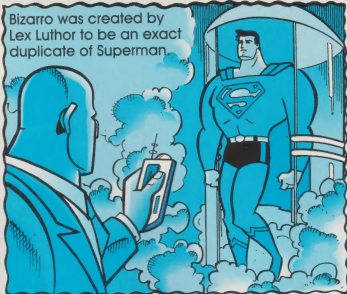
At the offices of the Daily Planet.

Normally, staff reporters Lois Lane and Clark Kent write the news. This day, however...



...they were the news!

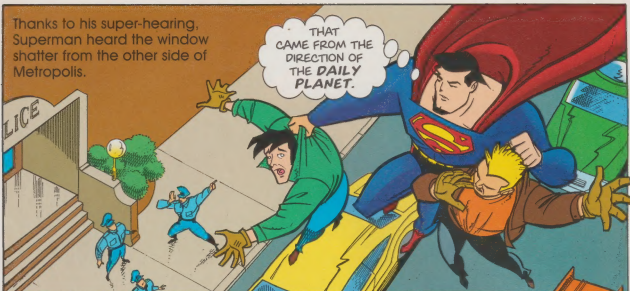




But something went wrong, and he de-evolved into a strange, warped version of the Man of Steel.



Thanks to his super-hearing, Superman heard the window shatter from the other side of Metropolis.



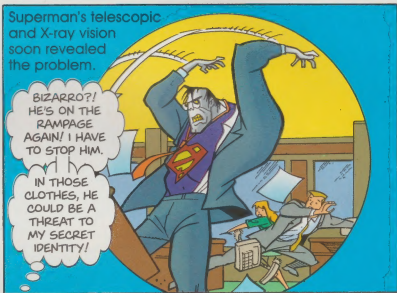
I'D BETTER SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.



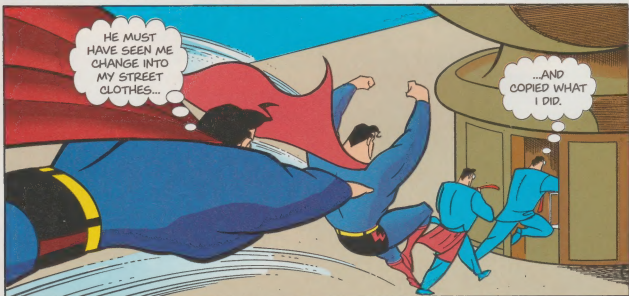
Superman's telescopic and X-ray vision soon revealed the problem.

BIZARRO?! HE'S ON THE RAMPAGE AGAIN! I HAVE TO STOP HIM.

IN THOSE CLOTHES, HE COULD BE A THREAT TO MY SECRET IDENTITY!



HE MUST HAVE SEEN ME CHANGE INTO MY STREET CLOTHES...



...AND COPIED WHAT I DID.

Lois had seen the child-like Bizarro mimic Superman's actions before, and was suspicious about the way he was dressed.







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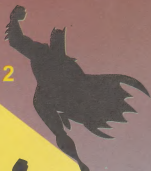
SHADOW PUZZLE



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WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in the wordsearch below are things that you might find in the *Daily Planet* building. The words run up, down, across, backwards and diagonally. When you have found all the words, draw a line through them and tick them off the list below.



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DOT TO DOT



NEWS—NEWS—NEWS

After the events at the *Daily Planet* newspaper offices, Lois Lane wrote about what happened. The article appears below but in some places three words have been written instead of one. Read the article and choose the correct words to help make the story make sense!

DAILY PLANET

BIZARRO HAPPENINGS!

by Lois Lane

Today started as any other day, here in the *Daily Planet* NEWSROOMS/BATHROOMS/CLOAKROOMS. The MONKEYS/REPORTERS/TEDDY BEARS were having their TWENTIETH/FIFTIETH/FIRST coffee of the day, and were getting ready to search for good STORIES/DOUGHNUTS/HALF PRICE DESIGNER SUITS. Little did we know that the most exciting story of the day was to be found here in our own newsroom.

It all started when one reporter started to BARK LIKE A DOG/BEHAVE STRANGELY/EAT TOO MANY DOUGHNUTS. He then threw a BATHROOM SINK/TREE/COMPUTER through a window. The staff were frightened and all but one CLAPPED THEIR HANDS/RAN

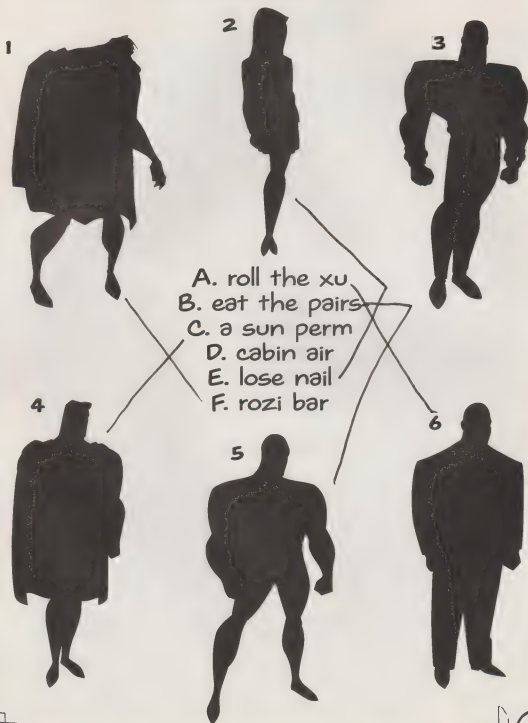
AWAY/SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

As it turned out, the reporter was not a member of the staff at all, but Bizarro, a freaky SALESMAN/MONSTER/FASHION MODEL. He thought he was our second star reporter, Clark SHOES/JONES/KENT. The confused creature was destroying the offices and throwing furniture around when Superman himself came to GET HIS TEETH FIXED/DINNER/THE RESCUE. The Man of Steel didn't want to hurt Bizarro, but he had to STOP/DANCE WITH/MARRY him before he did himself or anyone else harm. Superman thought quickly, and took lots of COTTON WOOL /COMPUTER CABLE/CHEWING GUM which he used to tie up the creature. Men from MARS/ SOUTH AMERICA/ S.T.A.R. LABS then came to take the creature away.

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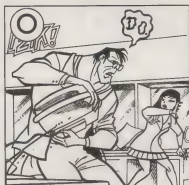
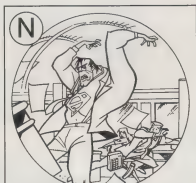
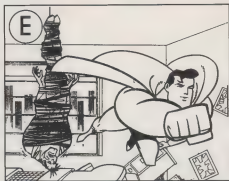
HIDDEN IDENTITY

All the characters hidden by these silhouettes come from the Superman stories. Can you unscramble their names and correctly match them with each silhouette?



ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-7) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



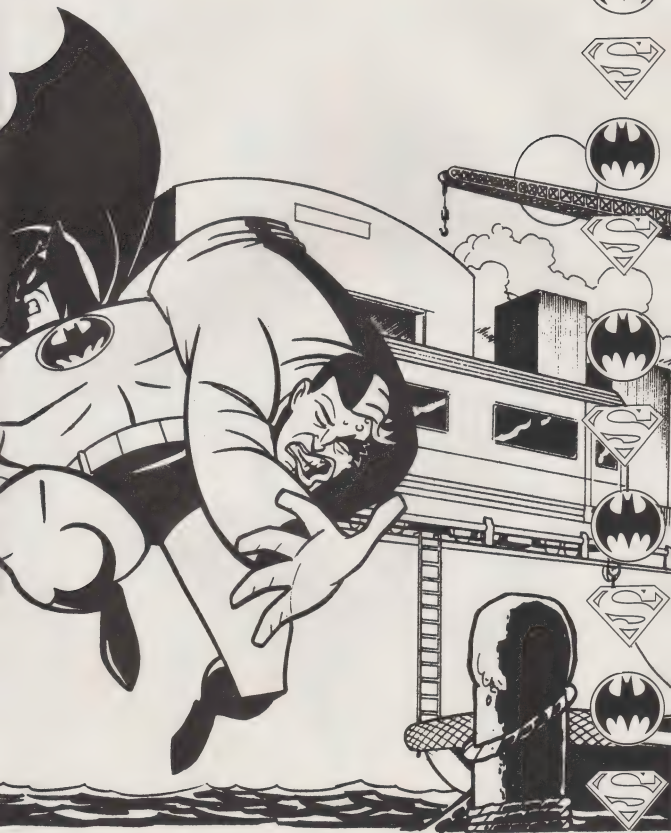
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

BATMAN

Colour in this exciting picture of Batman and Two-Face
escaping from the runaway train.



COLOURING



TWO-FACED PAIRS!

Two-Face's favourite number is two. Here are five pairs of Two-Face figures plus one figure of the real Two-Face. Once you've joined all the pairs with lines you can reveal the **true** villain.



FIT THEM IN

All the words in the boxes below come from the story *Fast Train to Gotham*. They all have something to do with trains. See if you can fit them into the grid of squares correctly. When you've finished, unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to reveal the word that describes the people who ride on trains.

6 LETTERS

tracks
ticket

4 LETTERS

horn

5 LETTERS

steel
wagon
train

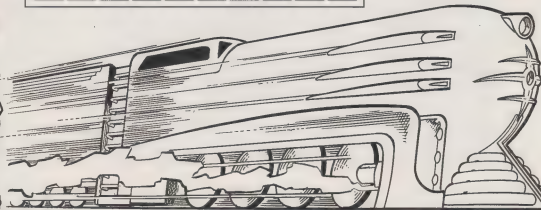
8 LETTERS

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7 LETTERS

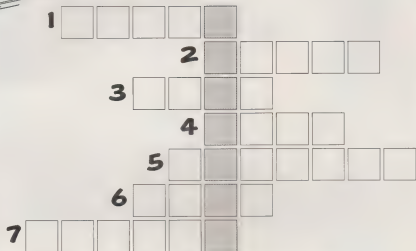
station

The letters spell:



WHO'S HIDDEN?

Write the correct answers to the clues in the small boxes. The letters in the shaded boxes will reveal the name of one of Batman's arch enemies. All the words used come from the story *Fast Train to Gotham*.

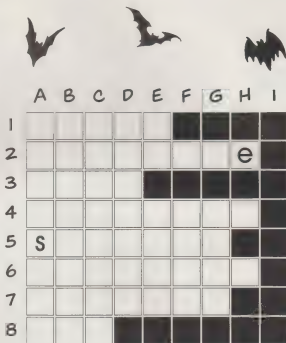


1. The opposite of day.
2. A large container on wheels pulled by a train.
3. To halt.
4. Not slow.
5. Batman's aeroplane.
6. The part of a harbour where ships go to be loaded and unloaded.
7. The machine in a vehicle that makes it move.

FIND THE FACT

Solve the eight clues and fit the answers into the grid below. If you solve all the clues correctly, by cross-referencing the letters at the top of the grid with the numbers down the side, you will find corresponding letters (e.g. H2=e and A5=s). Put the correct letters in the boxes at the bottom of the page to reveal an interesting fact. All the words come from the story *Fast Train to Gotham*.

1. To collide with something.
2. An explosive.
3. A group of criminals.
4. A place where railway lines meet.
5. A building where trains stop.
6. Area of floor where you wait for a train.
7. This number means a thousand million.
8. Two-Face's favourite number.



 s

G2 E1 H2 E6 C1 A5 B5 H2 D1 B5 H2 H4 D3 E7 H4 H2

F2 C3 D5 E1 H2 B8 F7 B1 D7 A2 F4 A5

 e

A8 E1 H2 A4 B3 A6 C1 G7 H2 A5 H2

A7 B4 C7 D7 H2 E4 B5 B1 C5 F4 G7



ANSWERS

WORDSEARCH

o s r e t r o p e r
f r
f t e l e p h o n e s
i d t f a t s e
c e u c h a x w i
e s p h a x r o
s k m a r o
s o l k t
s e c r e t a r i e s
m o o r s w e n s

HIDDEN IDENTITY

- 1 = F - Bizarro
2 = E - Lois Lane
3 = D - Brainiac
4 = C - Superman
5 = B - The Parasite
6 = A - Lex Luthor

TWO-FACED PAIRS!

- $$\begin{array}{l} 1 = 8 \\ 2 = 10 \\ 3 = 11 \\ 4 = 6 \\ 5 = 7 \end{array}$$

9 is the real Two-Face

WHO'S HIDDEN?

1 n i g h t
2 w a g o n
3 s t o p
4 f a s t
5 b a t w i n g
6 d o c k
7 e n g i n e

NEWS-NEWS-NEWS

NEWSROOMS •
REPORTERS • FIRST •
STORIES • BEHAVE
STRANGELY • COMPUTER •
RAN AWAY • MONSTER •
KENT • THE RESCUE •
STOP • COMPUTER CABLE •
S.T.A.R. LABS

ALL MIXED UP

C	O	N	F	U	S	E
1	2	3	4	5	6	6

FIT THEM IN

The letters spell:

p a s s e n g e r s

FIND THE FACT

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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The fastest engine

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B	u	i	l	e	t	t	r	a	i	n
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Batman must stop the...

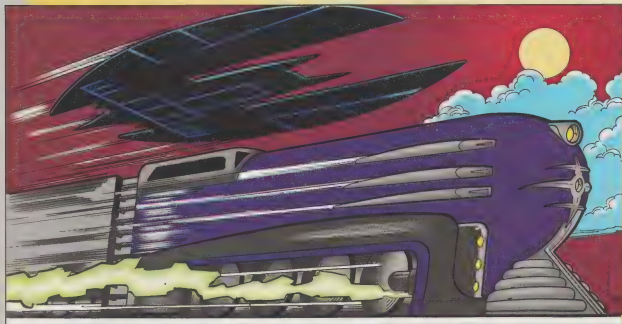
FAST TRAIN TO GOTHAM

Ten carriages long, the brand new Gotham City Express train, *Gemini*, speared through the night. Hundreds of tons of steel raced down the tracks at over a hundred miles an hour, powered by a new engine that made the train twice as fast as any other. The lights blazed on its sleek front. Its horn shrilled. The train was just thirty minutes away from arriving at Gotham Central Station.

High above the speeding train, a piece of the night sky, hooked and black, came loose and swept down towards the rail line. In the tight cockpit of the Batwing, Batman carefully probed the area with his infrared goggles, assessing the speed and direction of his target. He steered the Batwing down, matching the speed of the racing train, until he was slicing through the slipstream just above it. Then he set the autopilot and reached for the eject button.

The emergency situation had begun to unfold earlier that night. At the end of its first day of operation, the Gotham Express had pulled out of its last stop for the final two-hour chase to the end of the line. It had been seized by a gang of armed men. They had crowded the frightened passengers into the rear carriages and then taken control of the express itself, racing it as fast as it could go. Once it was on course for a hefty collision with Gotham City, they loaded the engine wagon with explosives and made contact with the authorities via a mobile phone.

Leading the gang was the deadly villain Two-Face. "I want to speak to Police Commissioner Gordon!" he snarled into the phone. As soon as the Commissioner was on the line, Two-Face made his demands. "I want two billion dollars packed into two identical armoured cars waiting for me at the end of platform two of Gotham Central



Station. You'll give me two hours head start before you try to follow me. If you don't agree to this, the two o'clock express packed with two tons of dynamite will crash into the station and level the centre of the city."

Gordon was horrified. His first thought was to reroute the train, redirecting it safely out of the city so it couldn't crash. But he couldn't sacrifice the passengers' lives, no matter what. Grimly, he raised the phone and said

the Batwing and he cartwheeled down to land silently on the roof of the speeding train. His cape billowed behind him in the slicing wind.

The Dark Knight moved down the length of the carriage roof until he reached the end. He then swung down feet first. As he exploded through the window, he sent flying the two armed gangsters standing guard at the end of the car. From the far end of the empty carriage, a third gangster spun round



to Two-Face, "We agree to your demands." Then he hung up the phone and looked across at Detective Montoya, who stood amongst the police officers and city officials gathered in the commissioner's office. She saw his nod and hurried out of the room.

A minute later, the Bat-Signal cut into the night sky.

Batman was moving in to deal with Two-Face and his monstrous threat. The ejector seat threw him upwards out of

and raised his gun, but even as he landed, Batman hurled a Batarang that struck the man and knocked him out cold.

Stealthily, Batman now moved down the train towards the front. He activated his radio headset, "Commissioner? I'm inside."

Gordon's voice crackled back, "Good work! You've got ten minutes before the train passes the final junction. After that, we can't divert it any more."

Batman didn't reply. He was

already nearing the end of the last carriage where it joined to the engine's tender wagon.

There were two more armed guards there.

They both spun around in surprise as a gas pellet exploded between them, filling the air with dense smoke.

"What's going on?" they cried.

Then a dark force—Batman—moved out of the smoke like a blur and sent them both reeling.

"That's far enough, Bats!" said a voice suddenly. Batman reeled around and saw Two-Face glaring at him from the doorway into the train cab, an evil glimmer in his eyes. Two-Face smiled, a horrid smile as the scarred half of his face twitched to match the undamaged side. He raised a large machine pistol at Batman.

"I figured you'd be out to stop me. Bet the old commish called for you the moment he got off the line with me! Well, I'm ready for you. You want to get past me to stop the train or defuse the bombs, don't you? Well, I'm not going to let that happen!"

Batman crouched low, realising he was right in the line of fire.

"Goodnight, Batman!" said Two-Face, and fired.

The bullets smashed into the train carriage and ripped through the seats, but Batman had disappeared. There was only one place to hide—outside the train. As Two-Face pulled the trigger, Batman had dived sideways and smashed out of the train window.

Two-Face began to laugh. He was sure Batman had made his final leap.

Outside the train, Batman clung on to the side of the speeding carriage. Two-Face had been wrong. Batman didn't want to stop the train or defuse



the bomb. His plan was simpler, and now he was in an even better position to execute it.

He crawled along the side of the train and then climbed down between the train and the first car. In a few seconds, he had uncoupled the engine wagon from the carriages. Batman was hanging on to the back of the train as it sped on, leaving the rest of the train behind it. The carriages with the passengers and Two-Face's unconscious henchmen slowly came to a halt.

"The passengers are safe, Commissioner. I've uncoupled the train," Batman said into his radio.

Immediately, Gordon radioed to the signal control room at Gotham Station to switch the points on the main



express line. The runaway train-bomb was diverted from the track to the city centre, and now raced towards the dockside and the wharfs.

In the train, Two-Face screamed with fury as he realised they had been rerouted—and worse, he had lost his hostages. He reeled around and found Batman right behind him. Batman ducked Two-Face's furious punch and then landed one of his own, knocking out the villain. "You don't deserve it, Two-Face," growled Batman, "but I can't leave you on board here...not where this train's going."

There was no time to stop the train now, or to try and defuse Two-Face's fiendish explosives. Batman threw the unconscious villain over his shoulder and jumped clear of the racing train.

The train, unmanned now, thundered to the end of the tracks at the dock and smashed through the end, hurtling out into the waters of the river with a huge splash. The moment the train hit the water there was massive explosion that threw sheets of spray high into the air.

By the time Gordon and the police arrived, Batman had the defeated Two-Face cuffed. Batman didn't stay around long enough to hear Gordon's thanks. He simply marched Two-Face to the waiting prison van. "This man's got a return ticket," he said. "Back to jail."

THE END

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the **10** differences between these two pictures of Bizarro giving the journalists at the *Daily Planet* offices a bit of a surprise!



Answers: 1. A tuft of Bizarro's hair is missing. 2. One of Bizarro's teeth is missing. 3. Bizarro's glasses are not cracked. 4. Bizarro's cape is missing beneath his jacket on the left. 5. The small triangular shape on Bizarro's S-shield is missing. 6. Lois Lane's cuffs are black. 7. The paper is missing from the paper tray. 8. The man on the right is missing his moustache. 9. The thumb of the man on the right is missing. 10. The panel on the wall behind Bizarro is missing.



BIZARRO

VILLAIN FILES

Other Identity:

None

Occupation:

Criminal

Known Relatives:

None

Base of Operations:

Metropolis

Height: 6 feet

Weight: 136 Kilos

Eyes: Black

Hair: Black

Psychological profile:

Lex Luthor attempted to make a clone of Superman, but the process failed and the clone degenerated. Its skin turned white and flaky, and its body twisted. Having thought it was Superman, the creature became confused. Luthor's assistant said it was "bizarre-o", and the creature took that to be its name. Nearly as strong as the Man of Steel, and having the same super powers, Bizarro tries to be as much like Superman as possible—Superman is his hero, but Bizarro always does things backwards, and usually causes more trouble than he fixes.

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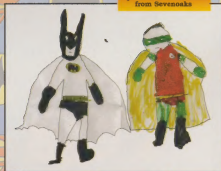
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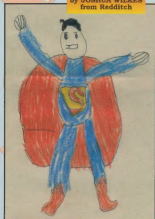


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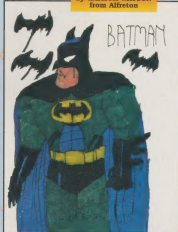
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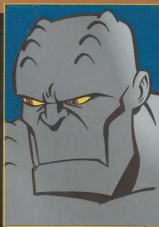


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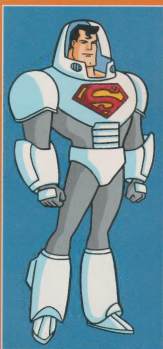
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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

An old oil depot is the focus of a new property development plan. Its present tenant is the ferocious **Killer Croc**. Batman must protect the workmen by going into the



run-down depot and ridding it of the man-beast. However, by a strange turnaround of circumstances, the Dark Knight finds himself protecting the criminal instead! Find out how all this comes about in *The Hunter—The Hunted*.



In the story, *Ground Zero*, a large meteor, twenty miles in diameter, hurtles its way through space. If it isn't stopped, it will collide with Earth, destroying the planet. Only Superman can possibly set the asteroid on another course. If he does not

succeed in time, the world's super-power countries will launch their nuclear missiles at the meteor to destroy it—and maybe even the Man of Steel as well!

PICTURE PUZZLE

Name these characters from the Superman stories and fill in this picture crossword puzzle.

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Answers: 1. Lex Luthor, 2. Jimmy Olsen, 3. Parasite, 4. Brainiac, 5. Superman, 6. Lois Lane, 7. Clark Kent.